

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL RECORD

PLEASE:

- Type or print, using a ball-point pen when filling out this form. Legibility is critical.
- Do not guess at the information. An answer of, "Unknown," is more helpful.
- Include a photograph of each viewable side and label it with name & direction of view.

- Thank You.

Type of Memorial

Monument *with* Sculpture
 Monument without Sculpture

Monument with *Cannon*
 Historical Marker Plaque

Affiliation

G.A.R. (Post No. 13)
 W.R.C. (Corps No. 138)
 S.U.V.C.W. (Camp No. _____)
 D.U.V.C.W. (Tent No. _____)

M.O.L.L.U.S.
 Other Allied Order
 Which? _____
 Other: _____

Dedication Date DONATED - NOV. 10, 1897 Unknown
NEW YORK ARSENAL

Location

The Memorial is *currently* located at:

Street/Road address or site location LAKEVIEW CEMETERY

City/Village HARBOR SPRINGS Township WEST TRAVERSE County EMMET

The front of the Memorial faces: North South East West

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner (of private cemetery that Memorial is located in)...

Name TIM GRIMM Dept./Div. CITY MANAGER

Street Address 349 EAST MAIN STREET

City HARBOR SPRINGS State (if not Michigan) MI Zip Code 49770-0678

Contact Person TIM GRIMM Telephone (231) 526-6805

If Memorial has been moved, please list former location(s)...

Physical Details

Material of Monument or base under a Sculpture or Cannon = Stone Concrete Metal Undetermined
 If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) _____

Material of the Sculpture = ___ Stone ___ Concrete ___ Metal ___ Undetermined
If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) _____
If the Sculpture is of metal, is it solid cast or "hollow?" _____

Material of Plaque or Historical Marker / Tablet = _____

Material of Cannon = ___ Bronze Iron - Consult known Ordnance Listing to confirm
Markings on muzzle = W.P.F. R.M.H 4210 H²-287 1864 4.2
Markings on Left Trunion 30 PDR Right Trunion _____
Is inert ammunition a part of the Memorial? NO If so, describe _____

Approximate Dimensions (indicate unit of measure) - taken from tallest / widest points
Monument or Base: Height 2FT Width 2'8"FT Depth 16 IN or Diameter _____
Sculpture: Height _____ Width _____ Depth _____ or Diameter _____

For Memorials with multiple Sculptures, please record this information on a separate sheet of paper for each statue and attach to this form. Please describe the "pose" of each statue and any weapons/implements involved (in case your photos become separated from this form). Thank you!

Markings/Inscriptions (on stone-work / metal-work of monument, base, sculpture)
Maker or Fabricator mark / name? If so, give name & location found _____

The "Dedication Text" is formed: ___ cut into material ___ raised up from material face

Record the text (indicate any separation if on different sides...) Please use additional sheet if necessary.

Environmental Setting

(The general vicinity and immediate locale surrounding a memorial can play a major role in its overall condition.)

Type of Location

- | | | |
|--|--------------------|---------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cemetery | ___ Park | ___ Plaza/Courtyard |
| ___ "Town Square" | ___ Post Office | ___ School |
| ___ Municipal Building | ___ State Capitol | Other: _____ |
| ___ Courthouse | ___ College Campus | _____ |
| ___ Traffic Circle | ___ Library | _____ |

General Vicinity

- Rural (low population, open land)
- Town

- Suburban (residential, near city)
- Urban / Metropolitan

Immediate Locale (check as many as may apply)

- Industrial
- Street/Roadside within 20 feet
- Protected from the elements (canopy or enclosure, indoors)
- Protected from the public (fence or other barrier)
- Any other significant environmental factor _____

Condition Information

Structural Condition (check as many as may apply)

The following section applies to Monuments *with* Sculpture, and Monuments without Sculpture - including the base for Monuments with *Cannon*. Instability in the sculpture and its base can be detected by a number of factors. Indicators may be obvious or subtle. Visually examine the sculpture and its base.

	Sculpture	Base
If hollow, is the internal support unstable/exposed? (look for signs of exterior rest)	___	___
Any evidence of structural instability? (look for cracked joints, missing mortar or caulking or plant growth)	___	___
Any broken or missing parts? (look for elements (i.e., sword, musket, hands, arms, etc. - missing due to vandalism, fluctuating weather conditions, etc.)	___	___
Any cracks, splits, breaks or holes? (also look for signs of uneven stress & weakness in the material)	___	___

Surface Appearance (check as many as may apply)

	Sculpture	Base
Black crusting	___	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
White crusting	___	___
Etched, pitted, or otherwise corroded (on metal)	___	___
Metallic staining (run-off from copper, iron, etc.)	___	___
Organic growth (moss, algae, lichen or vines)	___	___
Chalky or powdery stone	___	___
Granular eroding of stone	___	___
Spalling of stone (surface splitting off)	___	___
Droppings (bird, animal, insect remains)	___	___
Other (e.g., spray paint graffiti) - Please describe...	___	___

Does water collect in recessed areas of the Memorial? ___ Yes ___ No ___ Unable to tell

Surface Coating

Does there appear to be a coating? Yes ___ No ___ Unable to determine

If known, identify type of coating.

___ Gilded Painted ___ Varnished ___ Waxed ___ Unable to determine

Is the coating in good condition? Yes ___ No ___ Unable to determine

Basic Surface Condition Assessment (check one)

In your opinion, what is the general appearance or condition of the Memorial?

Well maintained ___ Would benefit from treatment ___ In urgent need of treatment ___ Unable to determine

Overall Description

Briefly describe the Memorial (affiliation / overall condition & any concern not already touched on).

4.2 IN. 30 ROUND PARROTT RIFLE MOUNTED ON A CONCRETE BASE

Supplemental Background Information

In addition to your on-site survey, any additional information you can provide on the described Memorial will be welcomed. Please label each account with its source (author, title, publisher, date, pages). Topics include any reference to the points listed on this questionnaire, plus any previous conservation treatments - or efforts to raise money for treatment. Thank you.

Inspector Identification

Date of On-site Survey JULY, 1999

Your Name DOUGLAS ARMSTRONG

Address 236 E. FREDERICK

City LANSING

State (If Non-Michigan Resident) MI Zip Code 48906

Telephone [REDACTED]

Please send completed **Civil War Memorial Record** to:

Douglas R. Armstrong
Civil War Memorials Officer
Department of Michigan - S.U.V.C.W.
236 E Frederick Ave.
Lansing, MI. 48906-3226

Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

Kent Armstrong, Chair
Memorials Subcommittee - Department of Michigan

July 27, 1999

Dear Mayor Dika:

I am writing to respectfully inquire about the condition of the Civil War era cannon in your city. One of our organization's primary activities is to observe the care and upkeep of Civil War Memorials (outside the care of the National Park Service and U.S. Departments of Defense and Veterans' Affairs) and bring any failure to do so, to the attention of the proper authorities.

Records of surviving Civil War Cannon indicate that your community has a "**4.2-in. Army Parrott rifle**" as part of a veterans' war memorial located in Lakeview Cemetery. This cannon was donated by the U.S. Government to the Richardson Post of the Grand Army of the Republic and was in turn donated to the cemetery on November 10, 1897. The cannon downtown is a **9-in. Dahlgren**, that was donated to Harbor Springs in 1909. Any information that you can provide about the condition of these cannon would be appreciated.

The Memorial Cannons in your community are part of nearly 12,000 that were donated by the U.S. Government, between 1872 and 1916, to local Posts of the GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC (G.A.R.) and other civic and patriotic groups for the purpose of display as a veterans' war memorial. They were formally dedicated, by surviving veterans, to serve as "silent-sentinels," in tribute to the memory of all who served and sacrificed during the American Civil War. In case you are not already aware, we have the G.A.R. to thank for our national observance of Memorial Day, which they initiated on May 30, 1868. Since then, countless communities have traditionally held their tribute to veterans (of ALL eras), near their Civil War Monument. Therefore, these memorials are tied to a community's cultural heritage, as well as its historical heritage.

Unfortunately, less than half remain of all the cannon that were originally dedicated as veterans' memorials. It's estimated that only 5,467 of these cannon survived the "scrap-metal drives" of World Wars I and II. Therefore, the historical value of these cannon and the special significance of the memorials in your community is multiplied. In recent years another threat to these memorials are collectors who will offer to buy the cannon. It is our hope that communities like yours will not let this happen.

As the successor organization of the G.A.R., the SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR (SUVCW) is proud to maintain their traditions. With your help, we will also be proud to see that the Memorial Cannons in your community are protected and preserved for the education and appreciation of future generations. We look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully,

Douglas R. Armstrong

October 6, 1999

Dear Mr. Grimm,

Thank you for the pictures of the two cannon in Harbor Springs. They will be very helpful in verifying, the cannon that were donated and the ones that are actually there. Currently I have been researching the IX-inch Dahlgren. The Dahlgren that rests in Zorn Park is a naval cannon that may be one of 26 that served on Admiral Farragut's Flagship the "Hartford" during the Civil War. There are five that were donated to Michigan that I have confirmed came from the ship. They all were donated at the turn of the century to four northern Michigan Cities, Cheboygan, Gaylord, Petoskey, and Bay City. There were two in Bay City, but those were scrapped for World War II. The gun in your park could be another that still exists. Would you please share this with the Harbor Springs Historical Society, as they may have information that could help with this research. If you know of a contact person for the Society, I'd like to ask them if there is any newspaper accounts of the dedication ceremony of the two cannon. Thank you again for your assistance and please share my gratitude with the City of Harbor Springs for their care and upkeep of these pieces of our heritage.

Respectfully,

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September 17, 1999

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In response to your letter dated July 27, 1999, and our phone conversation in August, I am sending you photographs of the Parrott rifle and Dahlgren cannon you inquired about. The Parrott rifle still resides in Lakeview Cemetery and the Dahlgren is located in Zorn park on the waterfront. Both guns appear to be in excellent condition.

I have marked on the back of each picture which gun it is. If you have any further questions, please let me know. I have given a copy of these pictures and your letter to the Harbor Springs Historical Society.

Sincerely,



Tim Grimm, Assessor/Zoning Administrator

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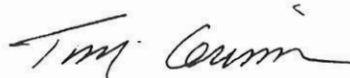
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